

[State Board of Education Meeting - Audio - 5/15/2014 Part 1](#) (22:46) Opening, Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes and Formal Public Comment.

Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m. All members of the State Board of Education were present. Mr. Hughes was not present when roll was called but arrived shortly thereafter. Secretary of Education Mark Murphy was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present. Attached is the sign in sheet of attendees for the Board meeting. The agenda was amended as item D.1 under the Professional Standards Board items was labeled for action when it should have been labeled a discussion item. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously. Mr. Hughes was not present at time of vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the work session minutes of April 17, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously. Mr. Hughes was not present at time of vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Melendez to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 17, 2014. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously. Mr. Hughes was not present at time of meeting.

Six individuals signed up for public comment: Sarah Ross spoke on behalf of the Cape Henlopen Education Association and commented on Regulation 106A, Teacher Appraisal Process DPAS II Revised. Kevin Ohlandt is a parent in the Capital School District and spoke on special education issues. Jennifer Smith from Redding Middle in the Appoquinimink School District commented on Regulation 106A, Teacher Appraisal Process DPAS II Revised and Regulation 107A Specialists Appraisal Process DPAS II Revised. Scott Cole from Smyrna High School commented on Regulation 106A, Teacher Appraisal Process DPAS II Revised and Regulation 107A Specialists Appraisal Process DPAS II Revised. Steve Rulon from Brandywine High School commented on the proposed changes to the DPAS II regulations. Frederika Jenner from the Delaware State Education Association (DSEA) commented on the proposed changes to the DPAS II regulations.

[State Board of Education Meeting - Audio - 5/15/2014 Part 2](#) (25:27) State Board Business, Secretary's Report

Board members highlighted their monthly activities as did Ms. Johnson. Secretary Murphy also provided his monthly report to the Board.

[State Board of Education Meeting - Audio - 5/15/2014 Part 3](#) (6:09) State Board Presentation on Legislative Task Force Report on Gifted and Talented.

Board member Barbara Rutt represented the State Board on the Legislative Task Force on Gifted and Talented. She highlighted the recommendations from the report which included the Department acquiring a full time staff person for the program. Other recommendations addressed teacher certification and guidance on best practices.

[State Board of Education Meeting - Audio - 5/15/2014 Part 4](#) (30:40) Department Presentation – Early Learning Update

Michael Watson and Kelly Hunter presented an update on early learning that noted the road to college and career readiness starts early.

The Board took a recess from 2:26 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

[State Board of Education Meeting - Audio - 5/15/2014 Part 5](#) (1:15:21) Department Regulations, Table of Professional Standards Board items and update on Appeals and Reviews

Dr. Susan Haberstroh was accompanied by Christopher Ruszkowski for the presentation of the amendments proposed to Regulation 106A Teacher Appraisal Process DPAS II Revised, Regulation 107A Specialist Appraisal Process DPAS II Revised and Regulation 108A Administrator Appraisal Process DPAS II Revised. Mr. Ruszkowski provided a synopsis of the revisions. The comment period for the proposed amendments ends on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

It was reported that Regulation 290 Educator Preparation Programs was for the Board's information as it requires only the approval of the Secretary of Education. The comment period for the proposed amendments to 290 also closes on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Gray explained that a representative of the Professional Standards Board was unable to attend the meeting; therefore the PSB items were being tabled until the Board's June State Board meeting. Mr. Hughes was excused at this time.

Dr. Gray also noted that the agenda listed one appeal for the Board's information. Ms. Kirshon, Deputy Attorney General and legal counsel for the State Board, provided an update on the appeal.

[State Board of Education Meeting - Audio - 5/15/2014 Part 6](#) (27:22) Charter items and adjourn

Jennifer Nagourney, Director of the Charter School Office, noted that Odyssey Charter School applied for a major modification for the location of its Lower Elementary. Secretary Murphy is seeking the assent of the State Board for approval of the Odyssey Charter School's application for a major modification to the location of its Lower Elementary. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt that based on the review of the record and consideration of the Secretary's approval the Board assents to the approval of the application for a major modification to the Odyssey Charter School's charter as recommended by the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried unanimously by voice vote (Mr. Hughes was not present).

The Board received an update on the formal review of Antonia Alonso and Delaware MET High School as well as an update on compliance monitoring. Ms. Nagourney also announced that the awards for the Charter School Performance Fund would be announced the end of June with funds becoming available after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Gray noted the information items on the agenda.

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A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously (Mr. Hughes was not present). The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Mark T. Murphy, Executive Secretary  
and Secretary of Education